

Pastor Steve Gregg, High Praises Fellowship Church gave the invocation. Mayor Gregory led the flag salute. The Regular Meeting of the Kelso City Council was called to order by Mayor Gregory. Councilmembers in attendance were: Gregory, Johnson, Slater, Chester, Keolker, McDaniel and Wheeler.

Minutes: Councilmember McDaniel moved, seconded by Councilmember Wheeler, 'Approve the minutes of the January 6th Regular Meeting,' motion carried, all voting Yes.

Quarterly Report – Cowlitz 2 Fire and Rescue

Alan Headley, Assistant Chief and Ray Smith, Vice Chairman of the Board presented the 4th Quarter 2003 Activity Report.

Library District Discussion – Bob Rochon

City Manager Robinson noted that a Power Point presentation will be held at a later date.

Student Representative Report

Representative Megan Wells was present. She noted that Girls and Boys Basketball Seasons are off and running. Heart Throb and Spirit Week are coming up. Sophomore, Juniors and Seniors are decorating the hallways. There are also floats being made and a parade will take place, as part of Heart Throb Week. Semester finals are 28th through the 30th of January.

Megan announced proudly that she has been accepted at Gonzaga University and has been awarded \$5,000.00 a year for four years. She also noted that she is searching for scholarships to supplement this award.

Consent Agenda

Auditing of Accounts – Councilmember Wheeler moved, seconded by Councilmember McDaniel, 'Approve the Auditing of Accounts – Final 2003 in the amount of \$1,291,573.06,' motion carried, all voting Yes.

Liquor License Renewal – Garibaldi's

After lengthy Council discussion it was noted that Garibaldi's is delinquent with taxes due the City of Kelso. Councilmember Wheeler, moved, seconded by Councilmember Keolker, 'Disapprove the Liquor License Renewal for Garibaldi's and instruct the City Attorney to write a letter to the Washington State Liquor Control Board,' motion carried, all Voting Yes.

Ordinance No. 04-3532 Granting a Non-Exclusive, Revocable Franchise for a Thirteen (13) Year Period for the Purpose of Constructing, Operating and Maintaining a Communications System within the City of Kelso with Cascade Networks, Inc.

The City Clerk read the proposed Ordinance by title only. Upon motion by Councilmember Wheeler and seconded by Councilmember Keolker, 'Adopt Ordinance No. 04-3532, AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A NON-EXCLUSIVE, REVOCABLE FRANCHISE FOR A THIRTEEN (13) YEAR PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2004, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING, OPERATING AND MAINTAINING A COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM WITHIN THE CITY OF KELSO, AND PROVIDING THAT IN LIEU OF A FRANCHISE FEE, THE FRANCHISEE WILL BE SUBJECT TO A NON-DISCRIMINATORY UTILITY TAX EQUAL TO 6% OF ITS GROSS REVENUES. THIS ORDINANCE INCORPORATES BY REFERENCE AND SPECIFICALLY INCLUDES ALL OF THE TERMS, CONDITIONS AND PROVISIONS OF THAT CERTAIN DOCUMENT ENTITLED "CASCADE NETWORKS, INC. FRANCHISE", A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO,' motion carried, all voting Yes.

Consideration of LTAC Recommendation on Funding Request from Columbia Theater for the Performing Arts

Dan Mankin, Director of the Theater was present and answered questions for the Council. Mr. Mankin noted that the entire design study is approximately \$60,000. Councilmember Slater moved, seconded by Councilmember Wheeler, 'Authorize \$5,000 for the study to rehabilitate the Columbia Theater,' motion carried, all voting Yes. Dan Mankin thanked the City Council for their support.

Manager's Report – 1) Kathleen Johnson and I will be attending the AWC Legislative Meeting January 28th and 29th in Olympia. 2) Need of a Workshop to discuss Stadium Fund Monies and the Visitors Center. 3) Council Retreat – April 17th, Saturday is a potential date. 4) Council will need to go into Executive Session to discuss Property litigation.

STAFF REPORTS

Kent Anderson: 1) Presented Mark Chester, newly elected Councilmember with a plaque for his years of service on the Planning Commission. 2) Applied last week to host a 2005 Downtown Review Institute. It is being held this year in Tacoma. It deals with little neighborhoods. 3) The West Kelso Charette will be held on February 18, 2004. 4) Planning Commission report is out from last year 5) On February 3, 2004 Jerry Sorrell and Rosemary Sipola from COG will present the selected SR432 'Alternate K' to the City Council. 6) Need to schedule a workshop on the Zoning Code.

Workshop Session – Mayor Gregory scheduled a Workshop for Tuesday, February 10th 7:00 P.M. to discuss:

*Stadium Fund Monies

*Zoning Code

Hope Koistinen: Noted that there is still an opening on the Library Board.

David Sypher: 1) City Engineer Susan Eugenis is preparing 8 bids to go out in March. 2) Fleet Maintenance Proposals are to be opened January 28th. 3) Solid Waste Negotiations are continuing. 4) Contractor at the New City Hall is asking for more change orders – they are currently 6 weeks behind schedule. 5) Street lights are being turned on as citizen's call and request.

Wayne Nelson: 1) Council authorized two new police vehicles. One is ordered and the other is here and being retrofitted. Guys are excited about it. 2) New Officer Craig Christianson starting tomorrow. Off to Academy in February. Now up to a full staffing level.

Kathleen Johnson mentioned to Police Chief Graffiti on the old Kelso Hill.

Paul Brachvogel: 1) February 2nd is the Show Cause Hearing with the owner of the Strand Hotel. 2) Have taken in approximately \$10,000 with Court Appointed Attorneys.

Veryl Anderson: Cindy Keeney and I are meeting with a representative from Amtrak on the 27th to discuss their involvement in next years Tree Lighting Festival.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Joe Wheeler: 1) No Airport Board Meeting in December or January. Airport Manager is retiring soon. David Sypher said he and City Manager are reviewing this area. 2) Served on Audit Committee today. Forgot about mitigation for Allen Street Bridge – was reminded as I reviewed the bills.

Jack Keolker: 1) A lot of new businesses opening up in Kelso – the Fish Tackle Shop on Pacific; the Youth Center is doing well – drawing big crowds; Jim Springer's Project – The Highlander - to be open March 15th;

Jack Keolker (Cont'd) The old Convenient Family Health converting to a Laundry Mat/Coffee Shop; Working on a project with the Museum for a bust of Peter Crawford for the new City Hall; The Mall has an enthusiastic Manager who is working on filling the Emporium Building and hints of other stores to go into the mall. 2) I'm disappointed in the neighborhoods; there is a lot of trash. Wish the neighbors would clean up their yards. We want to take the pride of Kelso back.

Mark Chester: Thanked Kent Anderson for the presentation of the plaque. 2) City Hall is progressing, looking good. 3) Complimented the Kelso Police Department for their efforts during the bad weather.

Alan Slater: 1) Attended the SOB Meeting. We are entering into one of the final phases and are doing an Assessment Study on the Sludge Program. Last week we spent two days touring Treatment Plants in Olympia and Tacoma and south to Clackamas County, Oregon City and West Linn. We are leaning towards planning for upgrading our Sludge to a Class A. We are going through an assessment program to see how far we want to take this. We have about 10 years of disposal left at the landfill. At that time we are faced of how to divert our sludge in several other directions. Until we finalize how much this is going to cost we aren't sure which direction to go.

Kathleen Johnson: 1) Watched from our driveway where an Officer assisted a citizen during the bad weather. The Police Department gave the extra effort to help. 2) Attended the Martin Luther King Celebration on behalf of the Mayor at LCC. The Washington Family was dealing with a family tragedy and the celebration at the same time. Kelso has not been represented often and their hope is that Kelso have a better relationship with the Ethnic Support Council. 3) I am going with the City Manager to the Legislative Action Conference. 4) Kiwanis Club has asked about new picnic tables by the Concession Stand at the east end by the Girls Softball area at Tam O'Shanter Park. People are throwing their litter down at that site while waiting for a game. There were told they need a concrete pad. Kiwanis is willing to pour the pad in order to have a picnic table. Perhaps Staff could contact Longview regarding this issue.

Don Gregory: 1) The CEDC Annual Banquet is February 17th at the Red Lion; COG Banquet is February 19th at the Hotel Monticello – Noon; 2) Councilmember Johnson, Keolker and I attended Congressman Baird's Meeting. Spoke with him about issues relating to the Post Office 3) Jim Springer is having a tour of his new building 1 - 3PM on Saturday. He is storing new equipment in the vacant space next to his new building. This facility is going to be fantastic.

Don Gregory (Cont'd) 4) Pete LaRiviere, Jr. passed away. Condolences to his family. 5) Years ago we had Trash Day – a Spring Clean up Day when the dump was free. The City promoted this dump day for citizens to clean up their yards. This provided a means to getting rid of junk. Staff to explore reinventing this idea.

Veryl Anderson, Finance Director told of the City of Vancouver giving coupons for dumping of various items at the dump site. Staff to contact the City of Vancouver.

Mayor Gregory questioned the status of the Solid Waste Issue –

David Sypher reported that we are presently working on the Fleet Management issue. If the City hires another technician the possibility of taking back the Solid Waste area of the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Longview is possible.

The Council recessed into Executive Session at 8:30 P.M. to discuss Litigation Issues. At 8:47 P.M. the City Council reconvened into Regular Session. Councilmember Slater moved seconded by Councilmember Wheeler, 'Meeting be adjourned,' motion carried, all voting Yes.

MAYOR

CLERK